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Letter dated 26 February 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On 18 January 2018, at the Security Council briefing entitled "Weapons of mass destruction: confidence-building measures", the President of the Republic of Poland, in his capacity as the head of the delegation of Poland, said that Egypt had used chemical weapons in Yemen. On instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, I hereby affirm that the Arab Republic of Egypt categorically rejects this claim, which is not based on any documented facts. Egypt believes that one must exercise due caution and be precise when discussing such information, even if it pertains to historical matters that occurred several decades ago.

Egypt reiterates that it has consistently condemned any use of weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons, and recalls its illustrious record in all the legitimate wars that it has waged to defend its unity and territorial integrity against foreign aggression and to uphold freedom and independence in its region at the behest of brotherly Arab and African peoples. In so doing, it has adhered to the established principles of international law and the relevant international instruments, including the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council, in order to ensure that the facts are recorded for history.

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